



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2857  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09062.0462

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Thierry JULIA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2857
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Application No.: 09/918,512	)	Examiner: M. Barbee
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Filed: August 1, 2001	)	
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For: CUSTOMER-BASED	)	Confirmation No.: 4625
PREDICTION METHOD AND	)	
SYSTEM USING NEAR	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>
INFRARED REFLECTANCE	)	
SPECTRA OF MATERIALS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2003. The period for reply to the Office Action has been extended by three months to May 13, 2004, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants also enclose a Notice of Appeal with this Amendment.